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**Importance:** High

All, in accordance with paragraph 71 of the Consent Decree, CCC is hereby providing notification that:

- The Boiler Feedwater Pump for Boiler 2 at the Ponca City Carbon Black Plant malfunctioned on June 5, 2021, which has forced a shutdown of the boiler for AQ2 of our air quality control system. We are assessing the cause of this failure.
- In recent operations, we experienced vibration issues with Waste Gas Fan 1, which had previously been operating successfully with the new rotors from our second vendor, RMS. After a complete change out of the bearings, the vibration issues were not resolved. We have returned the rotor to our vendor for inspection and testing.
- During the installation of the new rotor on Waste Gas Fan 3, we identified that the bearing pedestals were at uneven heights. These had been measured previously without issue (based on measurements to the thousandths of an inch), and there is a concern that there is a problem with the foundation of this fan. Further inspection has indicated similar issues are present at the other three fan pedestals. Corrective measures are scheduled over the next two weeks in an effort to address this issue.

At this time we do not yet know how long it will take to address these issues or the extent to which it may impact our ongoing efforts discussed previously with EPA to commence operation of the Air Quality Control System at our Ponca facility.

Thanks,

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